

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006. Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 27, 29-30, 32-33 and 35-36 are amended, claims 2 and 8 are canceled, and claims 37-38 is added. As a result, claims 1, 3-7, 9, 26-38 are now pending in this application. Applicant amended the claims to further clarify the recited subject matter.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 26-36 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,640. Applicant respectfully traverses. The present application is a divisional application of US Application No. 10/093,141, which issued as 6,654,640. The '141 application was subjected to a restriction requirement, and claims 29-37 and 49-57 were not elected and were canceled in view of the restriction. The present divisional application captures these claims that were canceled in the '141 application because of the restriction requirement. As such, Applicant respectfully submits the double patenting rejection is improper.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 27, 28 and 30-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant amended the claims. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amended claims, and withdrawal of the rejection.

§102/§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Kroll (U.S. Patent No. 5,741,307). Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant reserves the right to swear behind the 102(e) reference, but has chosen to distinguish the claims over Kroll. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amended claims. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amended claims are not shown or suggested by Kroll. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of the claims.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 2 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kroll (U.S. Patent No. 5,741,307) as applied to claim 1 above. Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled, thus making the rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested.

The Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6960 to facilitate prosecution of this application to finality.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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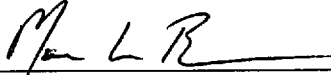
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